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# Military Pay Update

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#### **Entitlement Changes**

- Two Major Pay Raises in FY 2000
- Eliminated Dual Comp Offset/Pay
   Cap
- Modified 8 Existing Entitlements
- Added 11 New Entitlements
- Other Potential Changes for FY 2001?

#### Status of Pay Raises

- Two Major Pay Raises in FY 2000
  - Across the board 4.8% January 1, 2000
  - Targeted up to 5.5% July 1, 2000
- January Raise Completed on Time
- July Raise on Track

#### Status of Retired Pay

- Eliminated Dual Compensation
   Offset and Pay Cap for Military
   Retirees
  - Effective October 1, 1999
  - Affected 5,600 retirees in civil service
- Completed on Time

- Diving Duty Pay
  - Law authorized increase by \$40/month
  - Implemented for Army, Navy & Marines
    - » Army effective March 20, 2000
    - » Navy effective November 1, 1999
    - » Marine Corps effective October 1, 1999
  - Air Force not increasing in FY 00

- Enlistment Bonus
  - Authorized increase from \$12K to \$20K
  - Allows lump-sum payment
  - Manual workaround in place
  - No reported payments

- Selected Reserve Enlistment Bonus
  - Authorized increase from \$5K to \$8K
  - Systems change in place
  - No reported payments

- Nuclear Qualified Officer Bonuses
  - Accession Bonus from \$10K to \$20K
  - Annual Incentive Bonuses
    - » Commissioned Officer from \$12K to \$22K
    - » Limited Duty Officer from \$5.5K to \$10K
  - Active Duty Obligation from \$15K to \$25K
  - Navy to Implement in FY01

- Foreign Language Proficiency Pay
  - Authorized increase from \$100 to \$300/mo.
  - OSD/Services changing entitlement qualifications
  - Effective date April 1, 2000
  - Workaround in place

- Reenlistment Bonus
  - Authorized increase from \$45K to \$60K
  - Lowered eligibility from 21 to 17 months
  - Marines and Air Force not increasing in FY 00
  - Workaround in place

- Aviation Officer Career Special Pay
  - Authorized \$25K/yr regardless of years
  - Increased eligibility from 14 to 25 years
  - Included officers in paygrade O-6
  - Workaround in place
  - Paid over 1000 officers

- Aviation Career Incentive Pay
  - Authorized ACIP at saved pay rate of HDIP for Air Battle Managers (Air Force)
  - Workaround in place
  - Paying over 200 ABMs

- Career Enlisted Flyer Incentive Pay
  - Similar to Officer Aviation Career
     Incentive Pay
  - \$150 to \$400/month based on years of service
  - Expected to affect over 13K sailors and airmen
  - Workaround in place
  - Paying over 7K enlisted members

- Surface Warfare Officer Retention Bonus
  - Authorized \$50K for afloat tour of duty as department head
  - Expected to affect over 1300 Naval officers
  - Workaround in place
  - Paid over 1200 officers

- Special Warfare Officer Retention Bonus
  - Authorized \$15K/yr through 14 yrs of service
  - In pay grades O-3 and O-4 over 6 yrs of service
  - Only Navy using to date
  - Expected to affect over 200 Naval officers
  - Workaround in place
  - Paying over 70 officers

- Special Pay for Board Certified
   Veterinarians
  - Authorized to same entitlement as psychologists and non-physician health care providers
  - Expected to affect about 150 Army officers
  - Workaround in place

- Special Compensation for Severely Disabled
  - Authorized regular retirees declared >70% disabled by VA within 4 yrs of retirement
  - Very restrictive criteria
  - VA must identify those eligible
  - Workaround in place
  - Paying over 12,000

- Army College First Pilot Program
  - Authorized \$150/mo up to 24 months
  - For enlistment in reserve component with up to 2 yr delay of entry in active service for completion of education
  - Workaround in place

- Funeral Honors Duty Allowance
  - Authorized \$50/day for reserve personnel performing funeral duty
  - Workaround in place

- Judge Advocate Continuation Pay
  - Authorized bonus not to exceed \$60K
     for a period of obligated service
  - Only Air Force has expressed interest thus far
  - No payment approval to date
  - Need further OSD/Service guidance to determine entitlement criteria

- USMC Financial Assistance Program
  - Authorized tuition, fees and books NTE \$5,200/yr for 3 years
  - Only USMC reserve enlisted members selected as officer candidates and attending college
  - Need further OSD/Service guidance to determine entitlement criteria
  - Anticipate up to 1200 candidates

- Burdensome Personnel Tempo Pay
  - Authorized \$100/mo for > 251 deployed days out of 365
  - Individual tracking begins October 1, 2000
  - First eligible payment is October 1, 2001
  - Need policy guidance

- Thrift Savings Plan
  - Effective not earlier than August 2000 or date offsetting funding legislation is enacted
  - Major change to military pay systems
  - Policy guidance required
    - » tax exempt procedures
    - » management of deposits, loans, withdrawals
    - » matching contributions

- Supplemental Pay for Food Stamp Recipients
  - Continuing discussion and interest
  - Equity Issue
    - » On base vs.off base housing allowance
    - » Same pay grade different pay
  - Could affect 6,000 12,000 members
  - Emotionally charged issue
  - Implementation dependent upon outcome of political process

- Career Sea Pay Reform
  - High priority Navy initiative
  - Increase and realign Sea Pay tables
    - » last update 1988
    - » increase premium from \$100 to \$350/mo
    - » new sea tour extension premium of up to \$250/mo
  - Affect up to 90,000 Navy members
  - Implementation dependent upon funding

- Hardship Duty Pay
  - Formerly Foreign Duty Pay/Certain Places Pay
  - OSD to revise eligibility and rates for location
    - » new listing of qualifying locations
    - » increase rates from \$8.00-\$22.50 to \$150/mo
  - Rates probably will be variable based on severity of location hardships
  - Projected implementation is January 1, 2001

- Basic Allowance for Subsistence Reform
  - Reform initiated by 1998 NDAA
    - » will result in a single enlisted BAS rate
    - » all will receive BAS after initial basic training
  - Currently in "transition" period
    - » partial BAS for those on meal cards
  - Transition complete between 2001 and 2005
    - » when current BAS equals average USDA food index

#### Summary

- Numerous major changes in Military Pay for FY 2000
- All OSD approved changes are being paid
  - Many manual workarounds
  - Many SCRs being programmed
- Additional but fewer changes expected for FY 2001